

WASHINGTON, DC –

Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today released the following statement on this morning's meeting between President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, where the two discussed a new U.S./Canada border security arrangement.

"While it is incredibly important to ensure our northern border's security, we must only do so in a way that does not negatively influence our commercial relationship with our number one trading partner.

"Any alteration to the border security arrangement must work towards halting cross-border drug trafficking, while continuing to facilitate ongoing daily imports and exports of crude petroleum, natural gas, forest and agricultural products, as well as manufactured goods. This successful trade partnership means hundreds of billions of dollars for both the United States and Canada, and our shared border must allow for continued healthy trade between our countries, and allow for its future growth.

"Projects like the Keystone XL Pipeline, that further the trade partnership and ensure our energy security with our good neighbors to the north, must be considered during the planning of any modification of the border's security. It is vital that such long-term energy operations are allowed to function for the foreseeable future," Terry said.